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The SPECTATOR.

Diſce docendus adhuc, quæ cenſet amiculus, ut ſi
Cæcus iter monſtrare velit; tamen aſpice ſi quid
Et nos, quod cures proprium feciſſe, loquamur. Hor.

Monday, December 17. 1711.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOU ſee the Nature of my Requeſt by 'the *Latin* Motto which I addreſs to 'you: I am very ſenſible I ought not 'to uſe many Words to you, who are 'of but few; but the following Piece, as it 'tends to Speculation in Propriety of Speech, 'being a Curioſity in its Kind, begs your Patience: 'was found in a poetical Virtuoſos Cloſet among 'Rarities; and ſince the ſeveral Treatiſes of 'Limbs, Ears and Noſes have obliged the World, 'of Eyes is at your Service.

'The firſt Eye of Conſequence (under the in-'fallible Author of all) is the viſible Luminary of 'Univerſe: This glorious Spectator is ſaid 'never to open his Eyes at his Riſing in a Morning, 'without having a whole Kingdom of Adorers in 'Guard Silk waiting at his Levee. Millions of 'Creatures derive their Sight from this Original, 'and beſides his being the great Director of Op-'ticks, is the ſureſt Teſt whether Eyes be of the 'ſame Species with that of an Eagle or that of an 'Owl: The one he emboldens with a manly Aſ-'ſurance to look, ſpeak, act or plead before the 'Faces of a numerous Aſſembly; the other he 'ſtrikes out of Countenance into a ſheepiſh Deject-'edneſs. The Sun-Proof Eye dares lead up a 'Dance in a full Court; and without blinking 'the luſtre of Beauty, can diſtribute an Eye of 'proper Complaiſance to a Room crowded with 'Company, each of which deſerves particular Re-'gard; whilſt the other ſneaks from Converſation, 'like a fearful Debtor, who never dares look out, 'but when he can ſee no body, and no body 'him.

'The next Inſtance of Opticks is the famous *Ar-'gus*, who (to ſpeak in the Language of *Cambridge*) was 'one of an hundred; and being us'd as a Spy in the 'Affairs of Jealouſy, was obliged to have all his Eyes 'about him. We have no Account of the particu-'lar Colours, Caſts and Turns of this Body of 'Eyes; but as he was Pimp for his Miſtreſs *Juno*, 'tis probable he us'd all the modern Leers, ſly 'Glances, and other ocular Activities to ſerve his 'Purpoſe. Some look upon him as the then King 'at Arms to the Heatheniſh Deities, and make no 'more of his Eyes than as ſo many Spangles of his 'Herald's Coat.

'The next upon the Optick Liſt is old *Janus*, 'who ſtood in a double-ſighted Capacity like a 'Perſon plac'd betwixt two oppoſite Looking-'Glaſſes, and ſo took a ſort of retroproſpective 'Caſt at one View. Copies of this double-fac'd 'Way are not yet out of Faſhion with many Pro-'feſſions, and the ingenious Artiſts pretend to keep 'up this Species by double-headed Canes and 'Spoons; but there is no Mark of this Faculty 'except in the emblematical Way of a wiſe Gene-'ral having an Eye to both Front and Rear, or a 'pious Man taking a Review and Proſpect of his 'Paſt and Future State at the ſame Time.

'I muſt own that the Names, Colours, Qualities, 'and Turns of Eyes vary almoſt in every Head; 'for, not to mention the common Appellations of 'the Black, the Blue, the White, the Grey, and 'the like, the moſt remarkable are thoſe that 'borrow their Title from Animals, by Vertue of 'ſome peculiar Quality or Reſemblance they bear 'to the Eyes of the reſpective Creature; as that 'of a greedy rapacious Aſpect takes its Name 'from the Cat, that of a ſharp piercing Na-'ture from the Hawk, thoſe of an amorous ro-'guiſh Look derive their Title even from the 'Sheep, and we ſay ſuch a one has a Sheep's Eye, 'not ſo much to denote the Innocence as the 'ſimple Slyneſs of the Caſt: Nor is this meta-'phorical Inoculation a modern Invention, for 'we find *Homer* taking the Freedom to place the 'Eye of an Ox, Bull, or Cow in one of his prin-'cipal Goddeſſes, by that frequent Expreſſion of

Βοῶπις πότνια Ἥρη ——

'Now as to the peculiar Qualities of the Eye, 'that fine Part of our Conſtitution ſeems as much 'the Receptacle and Seat of our Paſſions, Appe-'tites, and Inclinations as the Mind it ſelf; at 'leaſt 'tis as the outward Portal to introduce them 'to the Houſe within, or rather the common Tho-'rough-fare to let our Affections paſs in and out; 'Love, Anger, Pride, and Avarice all viſibly 'move in thoſe little Orbs. I know a young La-'dy that can't ſee a certain Gentleman paſs by, 'without ſhewing a ſecret Deſire of ſeeing him 'again by a Dance in her Eye-balls; nay, ſhe can't 'for the Heart of her help looking Half a Street's 'Length after any Man in a gay Dreſs. You 'cannot behold a covetous Spirit walk by a Gold-'ſmith's Shop, without caſting a wiſhful Eye at 'the Heaps upon the Counter. Does not an haugh-'ty Perſon ſhew the Temper of his Soul in the 'ſupercilious Rowl of his Eye? and how fre-'quently in the Height of Paſſion does that mov-'ing Picture in our Head ſtart and ſtare, gather 'a Redneſs and quick Flaſhes of Lightning, and 'make all its Humours ſparkle with Fire, as *Vir-'gil* finely deſcribes it,

—— *Ardentis ab ore*
Scintillæ abſiſtunt: oculis micat acribus ignis.

'As

'As for the various Turns of Eye-sight, such as 'the voluntary or involuntary, the half or the 'whole Leer, I shall not enter into a very particu- 'lar Account of them; but let me observe, that 'oblique Vision, when natural, was anciently the 'Mark of Bewitchery and magical Fascination, and 'to this Day 'tis a malignant ill Look; but when 'tis forc'd and affected it carries a wanton Design, 'and in Play-houses and other publick Places this 'ocular Intimation is often an Assignation for bad 'Practices: But this Irregularity in Vision, together 'with such Enormities as tipping the Wink, the 'circumspective Rowl, the side Peep thro' a thin 'Hood or Fan, must be put in the Class of Heter- 'opticks, as all wrong Notions of Religion are 'rank'd under the general Name of Heterodox. 'All the pernicious Applications of Sight are more 'immediately under the Direction of a SPECTA- 'TOR; and I hope you will arm your Readers a- 'gainst the Mischiefs which are daily done by 'killing Eyes, in which you will highly oblige 'your wounded unknown Friend,

T. B.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOU professed in several Papers your par- 'ticular Endeavours, in the Province of 'SPECTATOR, to correct the Offences com- 'mitted by Starers, who disturb whole Assemblies, 'without any regard to Time, Place or Modesty. 'You complained also, that a Starer is not usually a 'Person to be convinced by the Reason of the 'Thing; nor so easily rebuked, as to amend by 'Admonitions. I thought therefore fit to acquaint 'you with a convenient Mechanical way, which 'may easily prevent or correct Staring, by an 'Optical contrivance of new Perspective-Glasses, 'short and commodious like Opera-Glasses, fit for 'short-sighted People as well as others; these 'Glasses making the Objects appear, either as 'they are seen by the naked Eye, or more distinct, 'though somewhat less than Life, or bigger and 'nearer. A Person may by the help of this In- 'vention take a View of another, without the Im- 'pertinence of Staring; at the same time it shall 'not be possible to know whom or what he is 'looking at. One may look towards his right or 'left Hand, when he is supposed to look forwards: 'This is set forth at large in the printed Proposals 'for the Sale of these Glasses, to be had at Mr. '*Dillon's*, in *Long-Acre*, next Door to the *White-* '*Hart*: Now, Sir, as your *Spectator* has occasion'd 'the Publishing of this Invention, for the benefit 'of modest Spectators, the Inventor desires 'your Admonitions, concerning the decent Use 'of it, and hopes by your Recommendation that 'for the future Beauty may be beheld without 'the Torture and Confusion which it suffers from 'the insolence of Starers. By this means you will 'relieve the Innocent from an Insult which there 'is no Law to punish, tho' it is a greater Offence 'than many which are within the cognisance of 'Justice. I am,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

Abraham Spy.

By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Monday, being the 17th of December, will be presented a Comedy call'd, Love makes a Man: or, The Fop's Fortune. The Part of Don Lewis, alias Testy, by Mr. Penkethman, Carlos by Mr. Wilks, Clodio, alias Dismal, by Mr. Gibber, Don Antonio by Mr. Bullock, Don Duart by Mr. Elrington, Sancho by Mr. Norris, Angelina by Mrs. Bradshaw, Dona Louisa by Mrs. Rogers, Dona Teresa by Mrs. Porter.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

On Thursday the 20th Instant, at Lloyd's Co- house in Lombard-street, at 4 in the Afternoon (only one Ca- Lot) viz. 30 Hhds. of excellent French Claret, deep, bright fresh, and of the true Flavour, perfect fine and fit for B- an entire Parcel, in a Vault on the left Hand in the Gate- Still-yard leading from Thames-street directly to the Still-y- And 29 half Hhds. 3 Aums, 4 Hhds. and 1 Puncheon of Brandy, 3 Pipes of Red Ribadavia Galicia, and 5 Pipes of racusa Wine, deep, bright and strong; and 3 Pipes of Tyal Wine. (Note the said Brandys, Galicia, Syracusa and Tyal Wine are all neat, and were lately imported from North and are in a Cellar under the House of Mr. Alexander Michel chant over against the Church in St. Martin's Lane (in Cam- All the said Wines and Brandy are to be seen and tasted to and Wednesday from 8 to 1, and from 2 to 5, and all Thursday the time of Sale. To be sold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in ing-lane in Tower-street.

Just over-against the Muse-Gate at Charing-Cro is to be seen these Rarities following, viz. A little Man 3 high and 32 Years of Age, small and proportionable every The next is his Wife, a little Woman, not 3 Foot high, and 30 Y of Age, who diverts the Company by her extraordinary and is now big with Child, being the least Woman that ever with Child in Europe: Likewise their little Horse, 2 Foot old ches high, which performs several wonderful Actions by the Word of Command, being so small that it's kept in a Box. Next is wonderful Female Creature having a Head like a Hog, a Sa the Coast of Brazil, having a Head like a Child, and of such derful Shape that the like was never seen in England before, a great many strange and wonderful Creatures, which are too to be mentioned here. And is to be seen from 9 in the Morning 9 at Night, where due Attendance shall be given.

At the Green Man and Still in Grace-Ch Street, for the Accomodation of Gentlemen in Town and Country, sold a rare Composition with which at 2 Minute's Notice may be made a Bowl of the clearest and best Punch as can be drank, only by ding to it the like Quantity of Spring-Water: This Compo of the best French Brandy, Batavia-Arrack, Juice of the finest mons, best double refined Loaf-Sugar, of each an equal propo to answer the like Quantity of Spring-Water: This is only to Gentlemen trouble in preparing it. It may be drank in hand: a noble Cordial, and will never decay, but be the better for ing. Price but 3 s. a Quart.

A compleat Course of Chimistry, consisting above 100 Operations, illustrated with the proper Schoits, been performed at the Laboratory of Mr. Edw. Bright, Chymist, White-Friars near Fleet-street, to the entire Satisfaction of Gentlemen that attended it: This is to give Notice, that Course will be opened at the same Place on Monday the 21st Day January next. The Terms are 2 Guineas and a half, and all tlemen that think fit to be present at it are desired to enter Names at the Place aforesaid, and pay down their Money same Time.

BRANDY BY RETAIL.

At a Vault in Wiggen's-Key Gateway, opp to the Red-Lyon in Thames-street, is a Parcel of extraordinary neat, as they are imported by the last Fleet from Portugal, and inferiour to French, at 11 s. a Gallon: No less Quantity than Gallon. Attendance is daily given from 9 to 12, and from Clock till all is sold. N. B. At both Ends of the Gateway is Board directing to the Brandy Vault.

Wines to be sold by Retail.

Excellent Red and White Port, and Red White Lisbon, being neat Wines as they came from the Grape the best Growth in Portugal. To be sold by the Importer in Brabant-Court in Philpot-Lane, viz. Red and White Port at Gallon, or 14 l. per Hhd. Red and White Lisbon at 5 s. 6 d. per Ga or 16 l. per Hhd. Attendance will be given every Day till 6 at

The richest Palm Canary Wine that ever drank, for 28 s. the Dozen, Bottles and all, of a noble racy Flav never touch'd since it came over, if one Man may believe but purely neat from the Grape, Bottled off from the Lees Sack in England so good: All that taste it like it, Quality Gentry send for it over and over, which they would not it not a choice Flower. The longer 'tis kept the richer it grows. only at the Golden Key in Heyden-Yard in the Minories. None than three Bottles. Also the remainder of about 50 dozen of cu French Claret (in Bottles) which a Gentleman (deceas'd) for his own drinking. Sold at 33 s. a Dozen, Bottles and all, less than 4 Bottles. It is entire and neat Wine, so choice good, none that understand true French Claret can dislike it, a certain Person of Quality had a considerable number of dozens of it.

The famous Bavarian Red Liquor:

Which gives such a delightful blushing Colour to the Cheeks of those that are White or Pale, that it is not be distinguished from a natural fine Complexion, nor perceived to be artificial by the nearest Friend. Is nothing of Paint, or in the least hurtful, but good in many Cases to be taken inwardly. It renders the Face delightfully handsome and beautiful; is not subject to be rubb'd off like Paint, therefore cannot be discovered by the nearest Friend. It is certainly the best Beautifier in the World. Is sold only at Mr. Toyshop, at the Angel and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard Cheapside, at 3 s. 6 d. a Bottle, with Directions.

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